

**REMARKS**

Claims 40-49 remain pending. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 40-49 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP 06-162511 in view of JP 08-46907. The rejection is traversed.

Each of the currently pending claims relates to a method of recording on an optical disc recording media. Independent claims 40 and 49 each recite the step of "pausing said transferring of said encoded information, to stop said record circuit on a first point on said optical disc recording media while maintaining said encoded information within said encoder." Thus, the present invention, as embodied by independent claims 40 and 49 relates to a method of recording on an optical disc recording medium such that a pause in the recording occurs with encoded data, yet to be recorded on said medium, within an encoder.


Neither of the Japanese references cited by the Examiner teach or suggest this claim limitation. More specifically, neither of the cited references, whether considered alone or in combination, teach or suggest the relationship between the encoding and the recording of data as in the claimed invention. Put another way, neither of the references teach or suggest the maintenance of encoded data in an encoder while a recording function is paused. Nor do the other references of record cure this deficiency.

Claims 41-48 each depend from claim 40 and contain all of the limitations recited by claim 40. Thus, for at least the reasons given above for the allowability of claim 40, claims 41-48 should also be allowed.

For at least these reasons, withdrawal of the rejection and favorable action on the application are therefore solicited.

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